Section 9-8.5(h-10) states: "If the State Board of Elections receives notification or determines that a natural person or persons, an independent expenditure committee or committees, or combination thereof has made independent expenditures in support of or in opposition to the campaign of a particular public official or candidate in an aggregate amount of more than (i) \$250,000 for statewide office or (ii) \$100,000 for all other elective offices in an election cycle, then the Board shall, within 2 business days after discovering the independent expenditures that, in the aggregate, exceed the threshold set forth in (i) and (ii) of this subsection, post notice of this fact on the Board's website and give official notice to each candidate for the same office as the public official or candidate for whose benefit or detriment the independent expenditures were made. Notice shall be sent via first class mail to the candidate and the treasurer of the candidate's committee. Notice shall also be sent by e-mail to the candidate and the treasurer of the candidate's committee if the candidate and the treasurer, as applicable, have provided the Board with an e-mail address. Upon posting of the notice on the Board's website, all candidates of that office in that election, including the public official or candidate for whose benefit or detriment the independent expenditures were made, may accept contributions in excess of any contribution limits imposed...

Pursuant to 9-8.5(h-10), the Board has determined that contribution limits are lifted for the following candidates, effective 10/20/16, and lasting through the end of the current election cycle, 12/31/16.

| <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Office</u>                           | Election |
|------------------|---|----------|
| Thomas Cullerton | State Senate, 23 <sup>rd</sup> District | 2016GE   |
| Seth Lewis       | State Senate, 23 <sup>rd</sup> District | 2016GE   |

This determination is based on the following independent expenditures:

Liberty Principles PAC

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Amount</b> | Expended to                       | Support/Oppose     |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 10/3/16     | \$1,200       | Acumen Probe LLC                  | Oppose – Cullerton |
| 10/14/16    | \$40,000      | National Cable Communications LLC | Support – Lewis    |

Personal PAC Independent Committee

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> | Expended to     | Support/Oppose      |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 10/14/16    | \$18,926.42   | Web Specialties | Support – Cullerton |
| 10/14/16    | \$28,389.63   | Web Specialties | Oppose – Lewis      |

INCS Action Independent Committee

| <u>Date</u> | <b>Amount</b> | Expended to         | Support/Oppose     |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 10/18/16    | \$13,282.25   | Majority Strategies | Oppose – Cullerton |

For additional information, please refer to committee filings and/or itemized expenditures, available on the Board's website. You may also contact Board staff for assistance.